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HAVING read two or three tedious *miniſterial Papers* one Day laſt Week, I was ſeiz'd on a ſudden with a prodigious Heavineſs on my Spirits, which I endeavour'd to divert as much as poſſible; but finding it increaſe upon me, I reſign'd my ſelf to Reſt, and was entertain'd with the following Dream, which having ſomething in it beyond the common Rhapſodies of Fancy, when our Reaſon lies dormant, I ſhall preſent to the Reader.

I was convey'd, methought, into a ſumptuous Room, where I ſaw a goodly, fat Man, with a Badge upon his Breaſt, ſitting in a Chair of State at the upper End of a large Table, ſurrounded with a motley Tribe of obſequious Dependents. On his right and left Hands ſate two venerable Perſons, in Pontifical Robes. *One* of Them appear'd to be a tall, black Man. The *other* was plump and fair and of a round Viſage. On the left of *theſe Sages* were ſeated two other Perſons in *ſacred Habits*, of an inferior Order; *one* of whom I ſoon diſcover'd to be a *real Dean* and the other a *pretended Orator*. The reſt of the Table was fill'd up with *rural Pædagogues*, *ſuperannuated Dablers in Hiſtory*, *little Underſtrappers of the Law*, *Knights of the Poſt*, and *Waltham Blacks*.

At the Bottom of the Table ſate the judicious Mr. *John Peele* with a Pen and Ink before Him, in order to take Minutes, for the Uſe and Inſtruction of his *Pupils*.

I had not been long in the Room before the *Man*, with the Badge on his Breaſt, roſe out of his Chair with an Air of Authority, and having wip'd his Mouth three Times, with a peculiar Air, He opened it in the following Manner.

" *Gentlemen*,

" The Reaſon of my ſummoning you together, at " this Time, is to return you Thanks for your paſt " Services, and to give you ſome Inſtructions for your " future Conduct.

" We have been for ſeveral Years paſt engaged in a " troubleſome War with a *little deſpicable Faction of Pa-* " *triots*, who have had the Impudence to aſſert that *Liber-* " *ty* is the Birthright of *Engliſhmen*, and that *Miniſters* are " accountable to the *People* for all their Actions. You " are ſenſible, *Gentlemen*, with what Contempt I treated " *theſe Incendiaries* at firſt, in all my Words and Actions; " I laugh'd at their general Declamations againſt *Corrup-* " *tion*, and defy'd them to enter into Particulars. I was " in Hopes, indeed, that they would not have dared " to accept ſuch a Challenge from a Perſon in my Sta- " tion; but their Inſolence hath exceeded all reaſonable " Expectation; and the giddy Multitude have been ſo far " deluded with their plauſible Invectives, that I was ſoon " obliged to make uſe of the *ſæcular Arm*, and to liſt " a ſturdy Band of Writers in my Service, to juſtify the " Uſe of it. Some of them, it is true, are a little un- " diſciplin'd, and make but an indifferent Figure againſt " the regular Troops on the *other Side*; yet they ſerve " well enough for *Scouts*, to diſcover the Strength and " Diſpoſition of the Enemy; or to be thrown away, up- " on Occaſion, for the Good of the Cauſe. But I look " upon you, *Gentlemen*, as my Body Guard, the *Triarii* " of my Army, compos'd of choice, pick'd Men, on " whom I muſt depend in Caſe of Extremity. You have " already done me the moſt eminent Service and laid " me under ſuch Obligations as I ſhall always acknow- " ledge; but I hope you will not take it amiſs, if I give " you a few Precautions how to behave in this nice " and critical Conjuncture, which our *Adverſaries*, no " doubt, will endeavour to improve to their Advantage.

" You cannot be inſenſible that the greateſt Diſſervice, " which *theſe Incendiaries* have done us, hath proceeded " from the Examination of *particular Points*. They " love to ramble into the wide Field of our *late Negoti-* " *ations*, and to inflame their Readers with the popular " Topicks of *blundering Meaſures*; to which they never " fail to aſcribe the Increaſe of our *Debts* and *Taxes*. " Let me conjure you therefore, as you regard my Ho- " nour and your own Intereſt, to defeat them in their " Expectation of reaping the ſame Advantages for the " future. Give them no Opportunity of examining the " Wiſdom, or publick Utility of our *late Treaties*, and " our *late Meaſures*, by any unſeaſonable Panegyricks " upon them; which, however juſt, can only tend to " produce their ill-natur'd Comments, by way of An- " ſwer.

" They have had the Confidence to tell you Themſelves " *that they have never enter'd into any Controverſy* " *with you, but when you have given them an Opportunity,* " *by ſilly Conceſſions, of examining ſome Points of great* " *Conſequence with more Freedom than They could other-* " *wiſe have done.* Take for once therefore the Advice " of your Enemies, and never furniſh Them with ano- " ther Occaſion of diſcuſſing any tender Point, under " the Pretence of anſwering you, which They dare not " explain Themſelves. Let all your Apologies run in " general Terms, and imitate my Example, whoſe Con- " duct you endeavour to vindicate. Aſſert boldly; defy " ſturdily; and throw your Dirt plentifully, at Thoſe, " who preſume to interrupt you with Reaſon and Argu- " ment. Never look either before you or behind you; " nor make any Scruple of ſerving a preſent Turn, by " reflecting on what you ſaid Yeſterday, or ſhall be oblig'd " to ſay To-morrow; but if you ſhould happen to be de- " tected in a Falſhood, after it hath had its Effect, laugh " heartily at Thoſe, who detect you, and aſſert another. " When you obſerve the *Enemy* in a Poſture of Offence, " and ſee Them making Preparations to enter upon Ac- " tion, wheel about immediately and divert the Attack, if " poſſible, by *perſonal Altercations*. Ply all your En- " gines of Calumny to put Them on the *defenſive Part*, " and give Them no Time to ſatisfy the Impatience of " the People, concerning the *preſent State of publick* " *Affairs*.

" Perhaps, *Gentlemen*, you will think it needleſs in " me to give you any Cautions of this Nature, after " your late notable Productions. I muſt confeſs, indeed, " that you have behaved your ſelves very well in my " Service, and made wonderful Improvements in the " Art of *political Defamation*; but give me Leave to " ſay, (and I cannot ſpeak it without Warmth) that you " have deviated from this good Rule in ſome Points, " which I leaſt expected from you. What could induce " you, Mr. *Walſingham*, to enter into a formal Defence " of the *Forage Contract*? You might have ſeen, with " half an Eye, that it was a Bait thrown out for you on " Purpoſe by my Enemies; and I was ſorry to find you " ſo weak as to bite at it. You may now perceive the " Effect of it, when it is too late. Your injudicious Re- " vival of *my Defence* (for you have had the Imprudence " to own it *mine*) hath rouz'd up a new Writer againſt " us, who calls Himſelf the *Inquiſitor*, and threatens to " moleſt us as often as Occaſion requires. *This Paper* is " written with ſo much malignant Spirit and ſuch an " Appearance of Argument, that I expect to ſee it " ſpread, through the Kingdom, like other ſeditious " Writings againſt me, and to have *that curſed Affair* " made once more the Topick of Converſation in Town " and Country.——Not content with This, you have " likewiſe had the Folly to challenge the *Craftſman* to " a Diſputation on the *Bank Contract*, (a Point, which " you know I have always carefully declined) and there- " by furniſhed *Him*, or the *Inquiſitor*, with another po- " pular Subject. Nay you have even inſiſted on *Cato's* " *Letters* in my Juſtification; though you cannot be ſo " ignorant as not to know that They were principally " levell'd againſt *me*, and firſt of all branded me with " the infamous Name of the Screen. Theſe are " Things too groſs to paſs; and as much as I like a " competent Degree of modeſt Aſſurance, I cannot ap- " prove ſuch a palpable Falſification of Facts, which are " ſtill recent in every Body's Memory; becauſe a *Falſ-* " *hood*, in ſuch a Caſe, is immediately known to be a " *Falſhood*, and therefore can anſwer no one End of *poli-* " *tical Lying*. On the contrary, it diſcredits our *other* " *Lyes*, which the Exigence of Affairs may render ne- " ceſſary, and naturally creates a Spirit of Diffidence and " Inereduliry in our Readers; the worſt of all Evils to " a Perſon in my Station!

" Neither ought you, Mr. *Walſingham*, to have blabb'd " out the Secret, that We intend to publiſh an *Apology* " *for* Bribery *and* Corruption about *Chriſt-* " *mas* next. This was deſign'd only as an *Expedient*; " and every Body knows that *Expedients* loſe their " Effect, when the People are previouſly put on their " Guard. You ſee what an ill Uſe the *Incendiaries* " have already made of it; and therefore, for Godſake, " let me have no more ſaid upon theſe *nice Subjects*, " however They may defy and provoke you to it. " Stick cloſe to your *perſonal Slander*, and let *Them* " return it upon *me*, if They pleaſe. A Man, who " is already over Head and Ears in Mire, ought not " to value any Dirt that can be thrown upon him.

" If you can only make my *Adverſary* appear in any De- " gree like *me*, it is all I expect and deſire at your Hands.

" I muſt, indeed, do you the Juſtice to confeſs that you " have made me ſome Amends for all theſe Blunders in " your *laſt exquiſite Paper*, which is really ſuch a Ma- " ſter-piece of *polemical Altercation*, that I think it ut- " terly unanſwerable. What a glorious Figure do I make " in that Piece? You have not only made me deſcend " from one of the beſt Families in *England*, and put " me in Poſſeſſion of the *moſt conſiderable Character of* " Any Man *in the Kingdom*; but have rais'd me, by " the Magick of your Pen, above all the *Heroes*, *Patriots* " and *Princes* of the Earth. You have even exalted me " into a *God*; for nothing but a *God can bid Defyance* " *to the Rage of Factions, the Malice of Enemies, the* " *Madneſs of Multitudes, the Change of Fortune, and* " *the Force of Time. A God* only can be *rais'd above* " *Vengeance, above Calumny, above Power and Fate.*

" How muſt my Adverſaries gniſh their Teeth, when " They read this Paragraph and, at the ſame Time, ſee " their own Characters ſunk in Proportion to my Ele- " vation? They may call it an Heap of *Flattery* and " *Defamation*, if they pleaſe, and endeavour to prove it " ſo. It will, at leaſt, find them Employment, for the " preſent, and draw off the Attention of the Publick " from what I moſt dread

" I muſt now take the Liberty, Mr. *Osborne*, to com- " plain a little of your Conduct. I have been a very " indulgent *Patron* to you, and even done more than " you could reaſonably expect. I brought you up to " Town from a *mean Employment*, and put you in a " Way of diſtinguiſhing yourſelf in the World as a *poli-* " *tical Writer*. I beſtow'd a *pretty*, *little Place* upon " you, ſoon after you enter'd into my Service, and have " ſince given you *another* of greater Value. And what " is your Gratitude for all theſe Obligations? You " were ſcarce warm in your *laſt Place*, before you en- " deavoured to render yourſelf independent of *me*, by " converting it into *ready Money*; which diſcovers your " Conſciouſneſs that I cannot *ſtand long*, and furniſhes " our *Enemies*, at the ſame Time, with an Handle of " Triumph. You likewiſe begin to recant in your *laſt* " *Paper*, and ſeem to be in Pain for the Loſs of your " *Reputation*. Alas! *Man*, do'ſt Thou think that I dragg'd " Thee out of Obſcurity and plac'd Thee in the Sunſhine " of a Court, to maintain and vindicate thy *own Chara-* " *cter?* —No; it was becauſe I apprehended that thy " Talent of perplexing Things, under the Guiſe of Lo- " gick, would be of Service to my Cauſe. I own, thy phy- " ſical Reaſons for *political Blundering* gave me a very " good Idea of thy Parts; which was farther improved " by thy metaphyſical Diſtinctions between *ſtanding Ar-* " *mies* and a *military Government*; between a *Penſio-* " *nary Parliament* and a *dependent Parliament*; and be- " tween *Corruption* and *Money given to corrupt*. This " rais'd my Expectation and determin'd me to make " a farther Proviſion for you; but as ſoon as you had " received the Reward of your Labours, you grow " ſqueamiſh, forſooth, and pretend to be ſcrupulous " about your *Reputation*. ——I will appeal to theſe " *worthy Gentlemen* here, whether you have acted an " handſome Part by me; or whether any farther Fa- " vours are due to a *Man*, who pretends to any Qualms " at ſacrificing his *Reputation* to the Service of his *Be-* " *nefactor?*

" As for the reſt of you, *Gentlemen*, I have no Ex- " ceptions to make to your Writings. They are all per- " fectly conſiſtent, and written in the true Spirit of *per-* " *ſonal Altercation*, without any unſeaſonable Mixtures " of *Fact*, or *Argument*. I hope you will perſevere in ſo " good a Cauſe, and you may depend on the Continua- " ance of my Favour.

" I think Doctor *Hyp.* you are the only Gentleman in " this Aſſembly, who hath any Reaſon to complain of " *Neglect*; but I am ſenſible of your Services and will " reward them. I don't know whether it is yet proper " to eſpouſe you in the ſame publick Manner with *Osborne* " and *Walſingham*, becauſe I am afraid it will give Of- " fence to the *Clergy*; but I will put you upon my Liſt " of *private Penſioners* and hope you will think it no Di- " minution to ſtand upon the ſame Foot with your inge- " nious Brethren, *Meſſieurs Omicron* and *Waltham*.

" I ſhould be guilty of unpardonable Ingratitude, if I " did not make my particular Acknowledgments to your " *Lordſhips*, *(bowing to the* venerable Perſons *on each Side* " *of Him)* for that Zeal, which you have exerted in " my Service, upon all Occaſions; and which, I doubt

you will continue to exert, *when the Season of the Year shall render it proper.* I shall take the first Opportunity, *my Lords*, to express my Sense of these Favours in a more *effectual Manner.*

"Having thus addressed myself to each of you in particular, as far I see Occasion at present, I will conclude with one general Piece of Advice.

"You must have observed, *my Friends*, that the Publick begin to be very inquisitive about the Nature of "our *last Treaties* and the *Expedition* form'd upon them; but let them be as inquisitive and impatient and clamorous as They will, give Them no farther Satisfaction than *that all Things will go well at last.* I charge you not to enter into any Particulars, which may give the *Enemy* an Opportunity of explaining Matters, without incurring the Penalties of the Law. For this Reason, I would not have you be too free, Mr. *Walsingham*, in answering for me, that I do not intend "*something extraordinary* next Winter; for if They should continue to pester me, as They have hitherto done, about *foreign Affairs*, I am resolved to bear it no longer; but, by the living God, I will——

Upon That, He thump'd the Table with his Fist in so violent a Manner, that it startled me out of my Sleep and deprived the Reader of the Conclusion of this Speech.

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FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

Our Advices from Abroad grow every Week more important; for 1. We are now assured, by *Authority* that the Dutchess of *Parma* hath at length declared Herself not to be with Child; upon which the *General* hath taken Possession of the Dutchies of *Parma* and *Placentia*, in the Name of *Don Carlos*. 2. The *same Authority* likewise informs us that the Marquis *de Mari*, Admiral of the King of *Spain*'s Fleet, which is to attend the Introduction of the *Spanish* Garrisons into *Tuscany*, sail'd from *Cadiz* the 12th Instant, *N. S.* with the *Spanish* Men of War, which were in that Bay, for the general Rendezvous at *Barcelona*; *so that this Affair seems at last to draw very near a Crisis.* 3. Some private Letters from *Rome* give us an Account that *two Jewish Cardinals* and *some Bishops of the same Religion*, who were made *assistant Bishops to the Throne*, had been lately discovered in the sacred College, which hath grievously embarrass'd the *holy Father* and his *Ministers.*— *It is not improbable that these* antichristian Prelates *were advanced to the Mitre by Cardinal* Colicia, *the* late Prime Minister, *in order to serve his scandalous Designs.* 4. We have had *another new Treaty* come to Town; in which the *contracting Parties* stipulate to protect each other's Territories from all Molestation and Grievances, by the *Enrolments*, *Marches*, *Quarters* and *Reviews of Troops*; which seems to look a little askew upon his Majesty of *Prussia*; but as *this Treaty* hath no Manner of Relation to *Great Britain*, which cannot therefore be in the least affected with the Consequences of it. We do not think it worth our while to make any farther Remarks upon it.

Florence, Sept. 4. The Courier, which was dispatch'd to *Seville* with the Convention concluded at this Court, touching the Introduction of *Don Carlos*, returned hither on the 30th past, accompanied with a *Spanish* Courier, charg'd with his Catholick Majesty's Answer to the Articles of the said Convention. It is assured that the Court of *Spain* rejects the Proposal made by his Royal Highness, to send only 500 *Spaniards* into his States, to serve as a Guard to *Don Carlos*; his Catholick Majesty insisting on the Number of Troops to be admitted, which have been stipulated and agreed in the respective Treaties. This occasioned a grand Council yesterday, and another will be held this Day on the same Subject, in order to remand the said Courier back again this Night or To-morrow Morning, with his Royal Highness's Resolution.

HOME NEWS.

Bristol, Sept. 27. Wednesday being the Day our Chamber annually make their Choice of a new Mayor, Arthur Taylor, Esq; was accordingly elected, for the Year ensuing, in the Room of the Right worshipful Edward Foy, Esq; and Edward Cooper and William Barns, Esqrs; were elected Sheriffs.

LONDON, September 25.

They write from the Hague, that a Treaty of Union and defensive Alliance (for three Years) between the Electorates of Hanover and Saxony, was sign'd at Dresden the 3d Instant, and the Troops belonging to them both are to act in Confederacy.

Extract of a Letter from Lisbon, *dated Sept.* 16, *N. S.* On the 10th arrived here Capt. Waller from the Western Islands, from whence we have Letters advising, that a Lute-stern'd Pink, Daniel Haley Master, was run away with from thence by her Crew. The Master and Portuguese were on Shore, when the Men on board cut her Cables, and such Men as were not inclined to Piracy they turn'd on shore at Angra; then hoisting British Colours, they fired a Gun, Shot and all, at the Castle, by Way of Defiance, and stood to Sea, having only seven Men in her. She had on board a Cargo of Sale Goods worth 2000 Crusades.

Last Week his Excellency Baron Sparr, Ambassador from the King of Sweden to this Court, arrived from thence at his Seat near Isleworth; and on Thursday last he went to wait on his Majesty at Hampton Court, and met with a very gracious Reception.

We hear that Lieutenant Henry Rogers, late of Gen. Groves's Regiment, one of the Poor Knights of Windsor, was recommended by the Dean of Windsor to his Grace the Duke of Newcastle; on whose Recommendation to the King, his Majesty was pleased to make him Governor of that Order, for his Service in the late Wars in Flanders.

On Monday the 13th Instant, one Gunn was committed to Reading Gaol by the Mayor of the said Town, for falsly swearing a Robbery against Mr. Winship of the said Town. The above Gunn swore a Robbery against a Person at Bristol some Time ago, who was honourably acquitted by the Court

On Monday last a Match was run on Barnet Course, between a Bay Stone-Horse belonging to a Gentleman of New-Inn, and the famous Totridge Grey Horse; the three Heats were won with Ease by the former, to the Disappointment of many People in that Neighbourhood, who laid great Odds on the Grey Horse, and lost considerable Sums of Money.

Yesterday the three Malefactors condemn'd the last Sessions at the Old Baily were executed at Tyburn.

We learn from Chichester, that the Corpse of Dr. Waddington, their late Bishop, was interr'd in the Cathedral there Yesterday Se'nnight, and that it was the most mournful Funeral that had been seen; almost the whole City being in Tears, on Account of his most extensive Hospitality, Charity and Beneficence; and that his Loss, with Regard to the Poor, was exceeding great.

The Water in the Thames Westward being lower than has been known in the Memory of Man, the Horses cross the River at Hampton Court; and in some Parts of Oxfordshire even Persons go across it on Foot; a great Number of Barges are detained in Berkshire and Oxfordshire for Want of Water to bring them down.

On the 9th of August a Dutch Ship, commanded by Capt. Cornelius Kruyt, was carried a Prize into Sallee, having on board a Woman and two Men Passengers, 112 Pipes of Oil, 3000 small Casks of ditto, each containing half an Aroba, 500 Dozen of Cordivant Skins, 5 Serons of Indigo, and 5762 Pieces of Eight.

They write from Preston in Lancashire, that there is like to be a very great Struggle there at the ensuing Election for a new Member of Parliament, in the Room of Daniel Pulteney, Esq; deceased. The Candidates are, Col. Murrey, Mr. Heskith, Mr. Askew, and Colonel Houghton.

Tuesday his Excellency General Diemar, Minister from the Landgrave of Hesse-Cassel to this Court, embark'd for Holland, in his Way home, on board the Fubbs Yacht, Capt. Collier, having obtained Leave for settling his private Affairs.

On Tuesday her Majesty, together with the Duke and the three Princesses, made a Visit to Mrs. Simpson, whose Husband is one of the Keepers of Bushy Park. She is 106 Years old, being born in the Town of Cardigan in the Year 1625, is now in good Health, and has all her Senses (except Hearing) perfect. Her Majesty, after being highly satisfy'd with the Account she gave of her Manner of Living, and by which she had preserved herself to this good old Age, made her a Present of a small Purse of Gold.

A few Days ago a Person in the Neighborhood of Louth in Lincolnshire was committed to Lincoln Gaol, for the Murder of his Wife and Child. He confess'd the Fact, and said, he was no way capable of maintaining such a Family by an honest Industry. He kill'd his Wife with a Wood-Bill, and knock'd the Child's Brains out against the Wall. 'Tis further reported, that he would have kill'd his other Children (which are three) if he had not been prevented.

We hear the Court will continue at Hampton till the 12th of next Month, when they will remove to Richmond for a Fortnight, and then to St. James's.

We hear the drawing of the State Lottery will begin on Saturday the 9th of October.

The John and Jane, Capt. Burt, bound from London and Jamaica to Campechey or Honduras, was lately taken, after a smart Engagement, in which several were killed on both Sides, by a *Spanish* Guarde Costa.

Wednesday a Glover was committed to Tothill-Fields Bridewell, for offering to commit Sodomy with a Watchman in the Strand.

Rob. and Com. On Saturday last Mr. Box, a Farmer at Cobham in Surrey, was robb'd by two Foot-Pads on Cobham-Heath. They took from him seven Shillings and three Pence Half Penny, being all the Money he had, with his Whip. They were taken about Eight o'Clock the same Night, and were committed to Kingston Gaol by Sir Francis Vincent.—Last Saturday one of the Cambridge Coaches was robb'd in Foulmer Field, within 7 Miles of that Town, by two very young Highwaymen, who took from the Passengers a considerable Sum of Money.—Monday Night a Gentleman was robbed between 10 and 11 o'Clock in King-street, Westminster, near the End of Dartmouth-street, by two Foot pads, who took from him his Money; but he being unwilling to part with his Watch, and making great Resistance, they beat him very unmercifully, and several People coming by prevented taking his Watch, so the Rogues made off with the Money and his Hat.

Pref. The Right Hon. the Lord Effingham Howard having been some Time since preferred to be Lieutenant Colonel of the first Troop of Horse-Granadiers, commanded by the Hon. Col. Fane, in the Room of Col. John Cope, Tobias Creamer, Esq; is appointed to succeed his Lordship in the Command of a Company of Grenadiers in the 3d Regiment of Foot-Guards, commanded by the Right Hon. the Earl of Dunmore.—— The Hon. John Mordaunt, Esq; Nephew to the Right Hon. the Earl of Peterborough, Captain in the Earl of Dunmore's own Company in the said Regiment, is appointed to succeed Tobias Creamer, Esq; in the Command of a Company of Hat-Men in the said Regiment. —John Scot, Esq; is appointed to succeed John Mordaunt, Esq; in the Earl of Dunmore's Company. And Ensign Jugleman is appointed to succeed John Scot, Esq; as Captain in a Company belonging to the said Regiment. —We hear that Stephen Lesseman, Esq; who formerly belonged to a marching Regiment on the Irish Establishment, will succeed Ensign Jugleman in a Company belonging to the third Regiment of Foot-Guards.—Tho. Poppleton, Esq; is made a Captain-Lieutenant in a Company of Foot belonging to the Regiment commanded by Colonel Cadogan now in Quarters at Exeter.—The Directors of the South-Sea Company have been pleased to appoint Mr. Robert Isaac Peirce, a Relation of Sir John Eyles, youngest Clerk in the Office at the South-Sea House.

Eccl. Pref. His Grace the Lord Archbishop of Canterbury has presented the Rev. Mr. Wilson, Curate of St. Paul's, Covent-Garden, to the Living of New-Church in Romney-Marsh in Kent, worth about 150 l. per Ann.

Mar. Thomas East of the Inner Temple, Esq; to Miss Stokes of the Town of Hampton in Middlesex, a Lady of a plentiful Fortune.— Edward Kay, Gent. youngest Son of Maurice Kay, late of Hatton-Garden, Esq; to Miss Katharine Gardiner, Daughter of Sir Brocas Gardiner, Bart. Commissioner of the Stamp Duties.

Acc. Mr. Clark, formerly a Spanish Merchant, who shot himself at his Lodgings in Bowling-Green House at Hampstead on Saturday in the Afternoon, died on Sunday Evening; and Monday the Jury sate on his Body and brought him in Lunatick.— On Sunday Night last about Nine o'Clock a Fire happen'd at the King's Arms Inn at Tetiworth in Oxfordshire, which consumed the said House and Stables and all the Out houses, there being only one Stack of Hay saved. The Damage is computed at 1500 l.

Dead. By Letters lately come from Lambeter in Cardiganshire we have Advice, that lately died there Mr. Simon Davies, a very noted and the most eminent Attorney in South Wales. — Mr. Preston Duncomb, a noted Druggist in Fleetstreet.—Dr. Bass, a noted Jew Physician.—Mr. Charles Walker, an eminent Sail maker, at his House at Ratcliff-Cross, in the 75th Year of his Age, having lived with one Wife 53 Years —— Last Saturday died in Newgate Mr. Theodore Willet, formerly Bookkeeper to Mess Woodwards, Bankers. He was try'd at the Old Baily for defrauding the said Gentlemen of several thousand Pounds, and acquitted; but was afterwards charg'd and confin'd for the said Sum as a Debt.— Capt. Hunter, formerly Commander of an India Man.— —— Mrs. Hermitage, Widow of the late —— Hermitage, Esq; who was Secretary to the States of Holland ever since the Beginning of King William's Reign till he died, which was about a Year ago.——Mr. Hickman, an eminent Attorney; he had been for some Years afflicted with a Stoppage of his Urine, and therefore directed that when he was dead he should be opened by some eminent Surgeon, which accordingly was done, and a Stone weighing between four and five Ounces was taken out of his Bladder.——Last Week died Sir William Murray, a Scotch Baronet, who is succeeded in Honour and Estate by his eldest Son, now Sir Archibald Murray, a Youth about fifteen Years of Age, now a Student in the University of Glasgow.——The Rev. Mr. Canon, Minister at Colchester.——Mr. Barker, a Romish Priest near Queen's Square, Bloomsbury.

Erratum. *In our last, in the Advertisement of the Experiment Floating Light at the* Nore, *l.* 17. *for* Bishopsgate, *read* Billingsgate.

Thursday South Sea Stock was 103 1 half. South Sea Annuity 108 3 qrs. Bank 149. India 192 1 qr. Lottery Tickets 11 l. 4 s.